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INTRODUCTION

THE activities of modern life have developed in most of us an unintentional disregard of the attractive objects which abound in our community.

Concentrating on a subject so interesting as the Village of Rye, its early history and its present rapid expansion, has prompted me to offer both a few historical facts and also photographs that will present to you, in such moments of leisure as you have, a resumé of everything that we daily pass with but a casual glance.

The Reverend Charles W. Baird, former Pastor of the Rye Presbyterian Church, prepared an interesting discourse on the two hundredth anniversary of the organization of the Town of Rye. This discourse was so much appreciated by his parishioners that they persuaded him to write a most interesting volume on the history of Rye from 1660 to 1870. It is to this book that I am indebted for the several early incidents of Rye.

It is difficult to think of our present Rye as one vast forest, and that everywhere extending up into the trees were once towering grapevines, which bore wild grapes which the Dutch pronounced almost as good as those in the vineyards abroad.

The few people who explored this country about the year 1600 made their way through these forests, with hardly a trail except those made by the Indians. Three hardy citizens, Peter Disbrow, John Coe, and Thomas Stedwell, later joined by a fourth, John Budd, thought so well of the section that on the 29th day of June, 1660, they purchased what is now the Town of Rye, from the Indians. This purchase included a part of the present town of Greenwich.

It is interesting to speculate, could Peter Disbrow return and be conducted over the various streets and highways of Rye, what his thoughts would be at this growth and transformation of wild forest into what is now a fit descendant of its namesake—Town of Rye, Sussex, England—and, already larger than its ancestor.

Imagine his thoughts on seeing the trains, the trolleys, the modern shops, the schools, the churches, the clubs! Suppose the Rye Fire Department with its gleaming motor engine came rumbling down Purchase Street! If old Peter, coming out of the Indian trail from the forest, survived the shock we could take him on an eighteen-hole round of golf and extend to him the courtesies of the nineteenth hole, where, at last, I expect he would feel somewhat at home.

But this is a record of the present day and the present day has little time for reflection on the men and events now buried in its past.

I hope the ensuing pages will be as interesting to the possessors of this little volume as has been its preparation.

BLAKEMAN QUINTARD MEYER.

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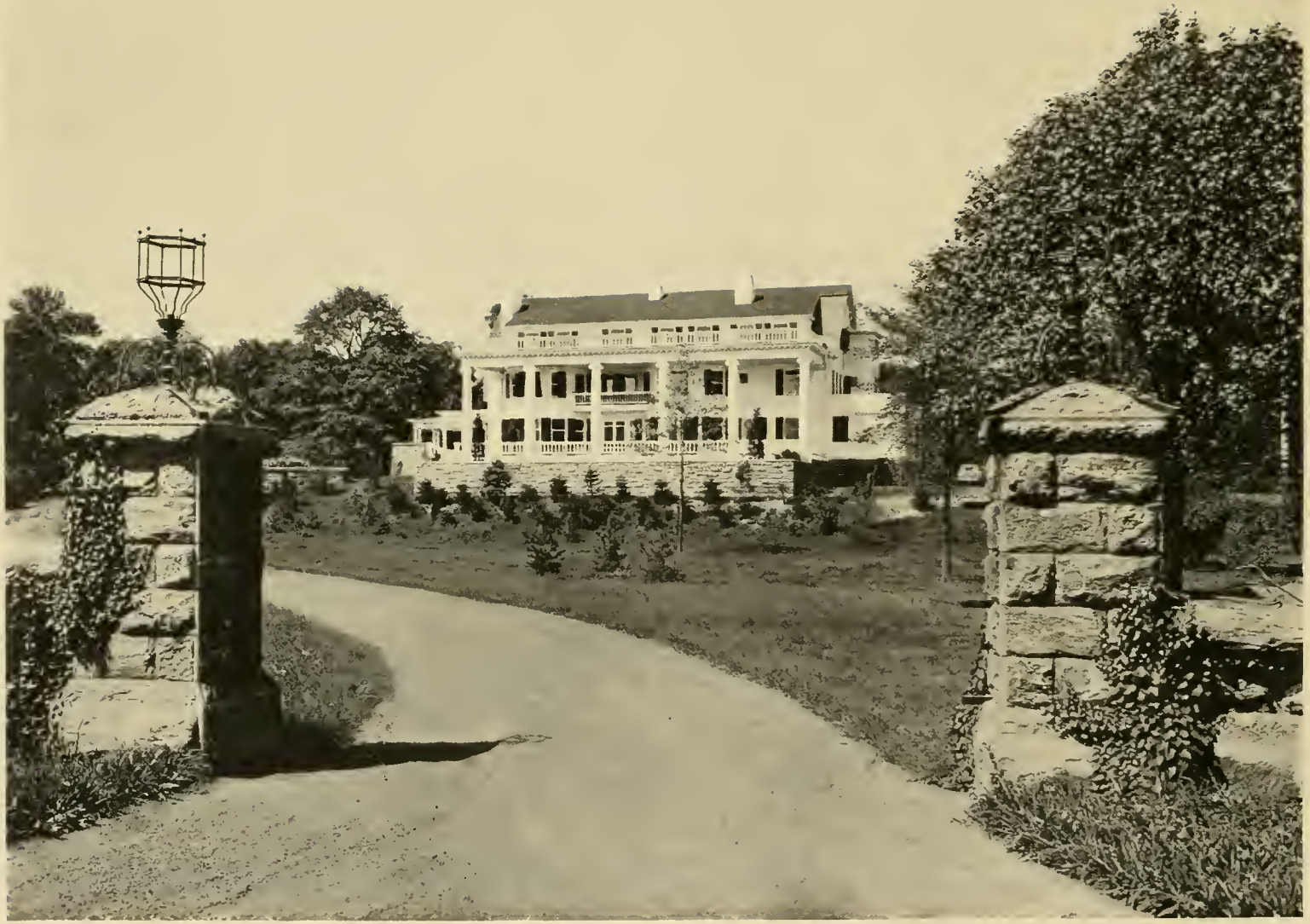

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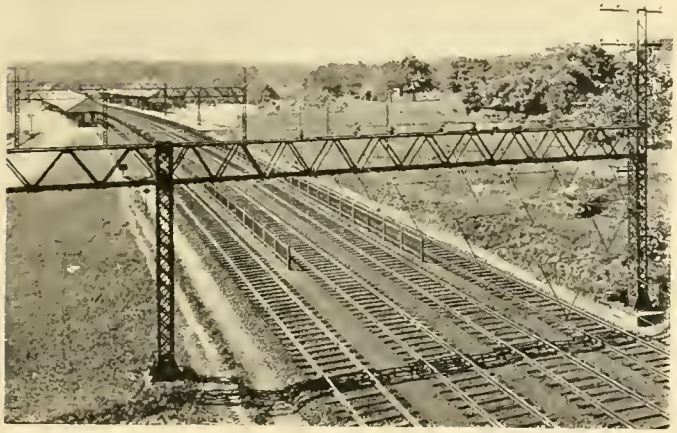

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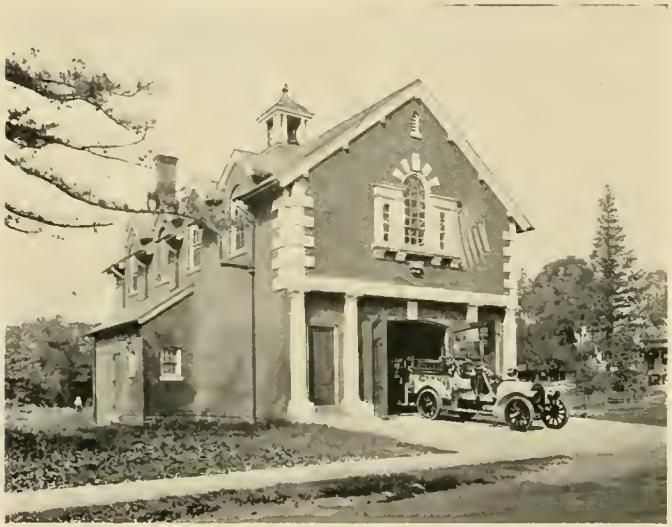

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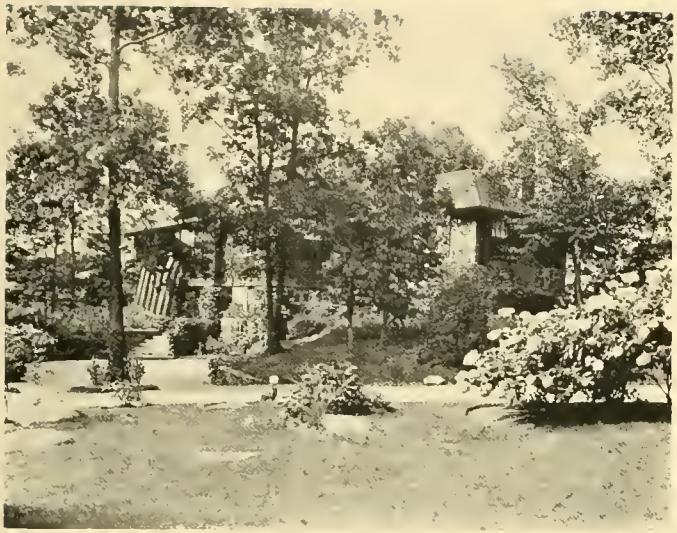

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RYE THEATRE

YE RYE THEATRE

after the Punch and Judy Theatre

LONDON, ENGLAND.

IT is proposed to build a small theatre for Rye. While mainly devoted to the best of the latest moving pictures, it will be used, also, at certain intervals for intimate theatricals, concerts and lectures and New York Plays, requiring only a moderate sized stage.

The pleasure and happiness of a community are just as important as the athletic and sport side. The people living outside of New York are almost entirely without the means of enjoying the amusements of the very best type found in New York. There is no reason why the best plays, not requiring a large stage cannot include Rye in their itinerary. The well-known pianist, violinist, lecturer, can all be induced to come to Rye if they have the proper accommodations for their performance. The inauguration of "Ye Rye Theatre" will therefore add a new phase to the popularity of Rye and the material enhancement of the value of its property.

LOCATION.

Two important objects will be accomplished, by building a theatre on the block front, opposite the east-bound railroad station, where now is located a white cottage and the Old Rye Station. First we will have a convenient location with ample parking space for cars. Second we will add to the attractiveness of Rye by affording passing trains and people arriving a pleasant first impression of the town.

PLANS.

Mr. Theodore E. Blake, who planned the Greenwich Theatre, of the well-known firm of Carrierre & Hastings, has prepared the plans.

The style of the Theatre is to be Elizabethan, somewhat after the character of the Punch & Judy Theatre in London. In the plan every feature possible for a modern theatre and its conveniences has been considered.

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